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RE:

Enclosing clipping from above
News-Press which quotes BGN ltr. of
2-11-49 re San Gabriel Mountains in
reply to ltr. of inquiry re same.

REFERRED TO

Dr. Burrill

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'SAN GABRIEL' WINS AS NAME FOR MOUNTAINS

Is it the San Gabriel or Sierra Madre Mountains which form a backdrop for Crescenta Valley? Various atlases and other maps show the name as Sierra Madre; others as San Gabriel.

The News-Press received this inquiry from time to time and finally decided to go to the bottom of things—the United States Board on Geographic Names, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

San Gabriel Correct

The answer, received today, is that the correct name is San Gabriel as of today and for a number of years past.

Also, the name of San Gabriel applies to the mountain chain all the way from Cajon Pass west to San Fernando Pass and there are, correctly, no San Bernardino Mountains, as many maps have listed them, the Washington board asserted.

The communication from the Board on Geographic Names, signed by Meredith F. Burrill, executive secretary, reads:

"In answer to your inquiry concerning the name of the mountain range north of Glendale, Calif., we quote the following decision of the United States Geographic Board which was approved on Oct. 5, 1927, and published in the Sixth Report of the United States Geographic Board in 1933.

"San Gabriel Mountains, California, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, between Los Angeles plains and Mohave desert and extending from Cajon Pass westward to San Fernando Pass. (Not San Bernardino, Sierra Madre nor Sierra San Gabriel.)"

"Since the publication of this report the evidence has been reviewed and the decision reaffirmed.

"There appears to have been confusion as to the application of the names San Gabriel and Sierra Madre to this feature at an early date as is evidenced by references in our records to source materials dating from 1868 to 1927, at which time the problem was submitted to the board for an official ruling."

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